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<p>E6133 /48/C Marseille 95 Dated 10 July Received 11 July</p>	<p>Illegal immigration: President Wafiq Reports embarkation of President Wafiq (Rpt. Marseille to 72 to Paris)</p>	
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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM MARSEILLES TO PARIS

His Majesty's Consul General.

No. 72

D. 3.3 p.m. 10th July 1947.

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R. 5.20 p.m. 10th July 1947.

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IMMEDIATE.

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Jewish illegal immigration.

President Warfield left last night and has entered Port Sete. I am informed that embarkation of approximately 5000 passengers is [gp. undec. ? rumored]. I have spoken to Préfet at Montpellier who has promised to investigate immediately.

[Copies sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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12 JUL 1947

E 6135/48/c  
Mr. Cheetham,  
Vienna,  
Tel. no 644  
July 10th.

Illegal Immigration: Employment  
of an Expert.

Rep. to F.O. to 1400 (E5818/48/c)  
Points out that if the officer is  
curtisan, considerable reshuffling of  
the establishment will be needed

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8) I.I.P.  
Tel. Vienna 944  
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Rpt to Rome 1525.  
8) Mr. Ruck, NO.  
I.I.P. July 16  
July 19.

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(Minutes.)

As the Home Office can only spare  
Mr. Ruck for a short time, it is  
obviously more suitable that he should  
be attached rather than posted. I think  
we should inform Vienna accordingly.

We should also consider the  
question of financial responsibility for  
Mr. Ruck's visit to Italy. The  
Home Office have intimated that  
they would prefer his expenses to be  
borne on the F.O. vote.

Mr. Ruck is a senior immigration  
officer at the Home Office. The Inter-  
Departmental Committee on Illegal Immigration  
originally suggested that we should  
lend the Italian Govt. an expert  
to advise them on the control of  
their Northern frontier, in order to prevent  
the influx of Jewish illegal immigrants.  
The Italian Govt. agreed to this  
suggestion in principle (see E5818)  
and the Home Office agreed to  
send Mr. Ruck, if and when the  
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and Vienna  
in Italy, the al  
Rome, Naples  
Mr. Ruck will  
no anxiety  
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Italian authorities gave their definitive assent. Mr. Ruck would go first to Berlin and Vienna, to discuss the problem with our authorities there, and then to Italy. In all, the visit would probably last three or four weeks. I suggest that the Foreign Office should:

(a) Notify the Home Office of their willingness to bear Mr. Ruck's expenses.

(b) Authorise H.M. Embassy in Rome to advance him the necessary funds.

I submit draft telegram to Vienna

*J. H. B. C.*  
(E-S-E-CABLE)

12/7

Finance Dept.

I agree with Mr. Lake. But I think we should hold the draft to Rome until Mr. Sherwood has seen the pp.

The matter is urgent, as Mr. Ruck is leaving by air on Wednesday.

*H. Bealey 14/7*

If the H.O. will continue to be responsible for Mr. Ruck's salary, the F.O. can meet the cost of travelling and subsistence. He should be accommodated in Berlin and Vienna and he will get 5/- a day allowance plus mess. In Italy, the allied subsistence rate is 3,500 liras a day in Rome, Naples, Genoa, Milan and 3,000 liras a day elsewhere. Mr. Ruck will have to account to F.O.

Mr. Arley (Finance Dept) a/c. to inform Home Office / Action taken on letter 11/8 The Minister 14/7/47

Card notified  
*J. H. B. C.*  
14/8/47

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12 JUL 1947

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2.

FROM VIENNA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From British Diplomatic Representative in Austria)

Mr. Cheetham  
No: 644  
10th July, 1947.

D. 6. 31 p.m. 10th July, 1947.  
R. 4. 55 a.m. 11th July, 1947.

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E5818/48/9

My telegram No. 596 and your telegram No. 1406  
to Rome.

Intelligence Organisation state that their offer  
to hold officer on their establishment was made on the  
assumption that he would be military. If he is civilian,  
considerable re-shuffling of war establishment would be  
needed which they wish if possible to avoid. In either  
event they could not hold officer of higher rank than  
Lieutenant Colonel or civilian equivalent.

2. If on the other hand the officer were only  
attached, and remained e.g. on Home Office strength,  
there would be no difficulty with regard either to  
rank or establishment.

3. Please state whether attachment was in fact  
intended.

Foreign Office please pass to Rome as  
my telegram No. 18.

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Despatched <sup>15/7</sup> 7.10 A M.

Draft.

VIENNA

Important.

Telegram.

No - 944 ✓

Date July 14<sup>th</sup>

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Reheated:

ROME

No - 1525 ✓

Departmental No. 2

Copy to:

Mr. ROCK

~~Home Office~~

July 16!

Finance Dept.

Serial. 710  
1417

Your telegram no. 644 [of 10<sup>th</sup> July: Jewish illegal immigration] I agree that it would be sufficient for Mr. ROCK to be attached to Intelligence Organisation, as his stay in Italy will probably be only of short duration

H.B.

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12 JUL

Registry Number *E 6155/48/31*  
 FROM *F.O. Crossley*  
 No. *Paris*  
 Dated *12/351/47*  
 Received in Registry *12 July 12*

*Legal Immigration Basis Discussions*  
*Re: Mr. Crossley's letter to Mr. Bessant*  
*(E 4177/48/31) with several papers were*  
*attached. No information in progress*  
*at the moment.*

Last Paper.

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*Aug 7*

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611-8

(Minutes.)

The essential paper on Mr. Crossley's  
 para. 3 is E 3979. I think we might well  
 instruct <sup>to Mr.</sup> Washington for a reply to ~~see~~ his  
 John Balfour's letter of the 22nd May in  
 this paper. I submit draft telegram accordingly.

The Tripartite Travel Agreement,  
 on the other hand, is still being amended  
 by Norfolk House and we can obviously  
 not ask the U.S. Govt. to ratify it yet.  
 Perhaps German (Pol.) Dept. would care  
 to suggest what we should reply to  
 Mr. Crossley on this point and on that  
 in the last paragraph of this letter.

German (Pol.) Dept. first

*[Signature]*  
(S-E-CABLE)

Norfolk House + German Dept. we now  
 agreed on the amendments they wish to  
 make to the draft travel agreement + it  
 remains to present a clear draft to the  
 other

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on the subject went from German  
Dept. to Paris Aug. on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
July wh. Mr. Crossley will no doubt  
by now have seen.

A. Dunn. <sup>by</sup> Jui

I can find none in German Political  
Dept who will admit to having led Mr. Beille  
to believe that we would let Paris have our  
considered views on the French proposal about  
spreading the legal quota proportionately over the  
Western Zones. German Refugee Dept (Miss  
Appleby) have been dealing with this in the past  
& are more qualified than I think, to reply to Mr  
Crossley on it. I understand from Miss Appleby  
that we are ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> in a position to  
give the French any assurance about the proposed  
quota of 25 for the French Zone as the Cabinet  
Govt have still to give the Colonial Area their  
views <sup>about</sup> this proposal.

I agree with Mr. Cable's draft. We  
might however now add a reference to the  
reply which the Americans have given the  
French (E 6374) & ask them to confirm if  
this fairly represents their views. If it does,  
we might then ask whether they could not  
agree to drop their condition about illegal  
immigrants <sup>crossing the border</sup> <sup>while a really</sup> <sup>settled</sup> <sup>22/7/44</sup>

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I have turned the draft telegram<sup>12</sup> to Washington into a blarney letter and revised it in accordance with German Dept's minute.

Although the French have done little to deserve these concessions, we have promised to help them and must, therefore, do our best.

*[Signature]*  
(C.T.E.-CABLE)  
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It seems galling to have fixed up a quota of 25 for the French just now when they are behaving so badly. But I think we must go forward with this matter: it would be petty and ineffective to hold it up.

W. S. Cairns  
Aug 2nd

letter says  
German (Pol) Dept. again

*[Signature]*  
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In P.P. FOFS @ 1105 Paris to Berlin  
25 July

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In P.P. Vienna tel PWOP/65/v Aug 12  
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British Embassy,

Paris 10<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>e</sup> JUILLET

72/381/47.

7th July, 1947.

*My dear Cable,*

*4777/12/11*

*20<sup>th</sup>*

May I refer to Ashley Clarke's letter of 29th May to Monsieur Bousquet copied to you under P.L. 450 on 30th May, which placed on record the main points of their discussion on 12th May on illegal immigration to Palestine.

There were several points in that letter which called for action by us and which appear to be still outstanding. I wonder whether you would be good enough to let me know how far we have progressed on each of them.

We undertook to support the French request to the United States Government that the United States Zone in Germany should agree to take back trains of immigrants which might enter the French Zone thence clandestinely. We also agreed upon the desirability of expediting final acceptance and implementation by the United States and British Zone Commanders of the provisional agreement on the control of entry into and exit from the three Western Zones. I have seen in this connection your telegram No. 5065 to Washington and Balfour's letter of 26th May to Dean Acheson, but I have not yet seen any response from the State Department, nor your final word on the tripartite Travel Agreement.

E3979

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*Yours ever*

*Geoffrey A. Crossley.*

G.A. Crossley.

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Eastern Department,  
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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

(This telegram is of particular secrecy and should be retained by the authorised recipient and not passed on)

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO BERLIN  
AND VIENNA

No 1105 Basic  
A/358

SECRET

25th July 1947

IMMEDIATE

D. 8.45 pm 25th July 1947

Repeated. Lengo (P+DP) No 1568 Basic

Grand National.

High Commissioner for Palestine has agreed the deduction from our monthly quota of certificates for the British Zone of Germany of an allocation of 25 certificates per month for the British Zone of Austria.

2. The Jewish Agency is counting on a backing of 75 certificates being available for the British Zone of Austria to cover the past three months and we confirm that this number may be so used for Austria.

3. It is requested that the documentation and travel of these 75 and of the future monthly allocation of 25 be cleared direct between Germany and Austria.

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*Draft.* letter

From: Mr. J.G.S.  
Beith

To: G.A. Crossley  
2nd Sec.  
(Comm.)  
Paris.

*Copy to:  
Miss Appleby  
Norfolk House  
H. J. Beith  
Aug 2*

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Dear ~~Crossley,~~ *Geethy,*

Please refer to your letter No. 72/381/47 of the 7th July raising various points of detail arising out of recent discussions with the French Government regarding illegal immigration to Palestine. To take these in order:-

- (a) Support for the French request to the United States Government that the United States Zone in Germany should agree to take back trains of immigrants which might enter the French Zone thence clandestinely. We have had no further word from Washington as to any reply to Balfour's letter of May 26th to Dean Acheson *and we are enquiring the position of Washington.*
- (b) Final ratification of the Anglo/U.S./French Travel Agreement for Germany initialled in Paris during January last. You will have received a letter from the German Political Department giving the minor amendments which we propose to the Agreement and suggesting that these might be agreed with the French Government and the U.S. Government in Paris (since the U.S. Government were originally represented by their Embassy in Paris in this matter).
- (c) French proposal that a part of the legal quota for Palestine should be granted to the French Zone or Zones.

The competent departments have now *considered* the French request as sympathetically *as*

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as possible and it has been agreed to offer the French a figure of 25 visas a month. As you know, we were able to prevent any precipitate announcement of this figure in order that it should be presented to the French Authorities through you, in the proper manner, as the best proposal we could make to meet their request. You are therefore authorised to communicate a reply on these lines to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Departments are aware that the original French request was that certificates should be allocated to the three Western Zones of Germany in proportion to the number of Jews in each Zone. Under this proposal, the French would have received ~~a negligible percent-~~ <sup>about half a</sup> ~~age of~~ <sup>per month</sup> certificates while the Americans would have got something like 90 per cent. of the monthly quota. If the French therefore suggest that 25 is too small a figure, since on a proportional basis between our two Zones they would be due for something like 90, you might point out the above-mentioned considerations to them.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. C. S. Beich.

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Paris.

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(Sgd) J.G.S. Beith

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7 Aug

Dear Blaney,

In our telegram no. 850 to ~~you~~ Paris, we told you that we were prepared to accept back into the British zone of Germany train-loads of ~~German~~ displaced persons which might cross the frontier into the French zone and that we hoped that the U.S. authorities would do the same in accordance with the French Govt. request.

2. We have seen Mr. John Balfour's letter to Mr. Acheson of the 26<sup>th</sup> May, in which he made this request to the U.S. Govt. but ~~had no further news~~ ~~we have not~~ ~~heard~~ ~~from you on the subject.~~ ~~you have received any replies to us.~~

3. In the mean time, the French Govt. have been informed by the U.S. Embassy in Paris, that the U.S. military authorities

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2) authorities in Germany will only accept back individuals intercepted while crossing the frontier, who can be proved to originate from the U.S. zone. They will not, apparently, take back persons who have merely been in transit across the U.S. zone.

3. We should be glad to know whether this accurately represents the view of the U.S. Govt. If so, the concession strikes us as of little practical value, since proof of origin could rarely be provided. Our own postal authorities are prepared to receive back <sup>any</sup> train-loads which illicitly cross the frontier from the British to the French zone. They are prepared to receive back individuals shown to have come from, but not necessarily to have originated in, our zone, who have subsequently crossed into the French zone without authority.

4. We should be grateful if you would approach the U.S. authorities again and ask whether they would not conform their practice to ours, as outlined above.

Yours ever  
E. Dept. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ #53.2/8

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Dear Chancery,

In our telegram No. 850 to Paris, we told you that we were prepared to accept back into the British zone of Germany train-loads of displaced persons which might illegally cross the frontier into the French zone and that we hoped that the United States authorities would do the same in accordance with the French Government's request.

2. We have seen Balfour's letter to Acheson of the 26th May, in which he made this request to the United States Government but have had no further news from you on the subject.

3. In the meantime, the French Government, have been informed by the United States Embassy in Paris, that the United States military authorities in Germany will only accept back individuals intercepted while crossing the frontier, who can be proved to originate from the United States zone. They will not, apparently, take back persons who have merely been in transit across the United States zone.

4. We should be glad to know whether this accurately represents the view of the United States Government. If so, the concession strikes us as of little practical value, since proof of origin could rarely be provided. Our own zonal authorities are prepared to receive back any train-loads which illicitly cross the frontier from the British to the French zone. They are prepared to receive back individuals shown to have come from, but not necessarily to have originated in, our zone, who have subsequently crossed into the French zone without authority.

5. We should be grateful if you would approach the United States authorities again and ask whether they could not conform their practice to ours as outlined above.

Yours ever,  
EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,  
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6th August 1947

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Repeated. Berlin No 1528 BASIC  
Lemgo (PWDP) No 2234 BASIC

D. 4.30 pm 6th August 1947

Operation Grand National.

Your PWDP/65/V of 25th July.

1. Since we were not successful in obtaining a separate allocation of certificates for the British Zone of Austria and have had to deduct the quota of 25 per month from the overall quota granted the British Zone of Germany it seems simpler that complete documentation should be carried out in Germany. We are however prepared to be guided by you when you have had an opportunity to discuss the movement with representatives of PWDP Division Germany.

2. Your para 1 and 3. Vriedenburg of PWDP (Lemgo) is understood to be sending your Division practical details of the workings of the scheme together with suggestions for documentation and travel. Our own knowledge here is confined to information contained in our G18/9 of 15th May, as augmented by telegram G/317 of 20th June, defining categories of persons eligible for this operation. If there is any point not clear please let us know.

3. We should appreciate being kept in the picture.

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12th August, 1947.

D. 3.30 p.m. 12th August, 1947  
R. 7.30 a.m. 13th August, 1947

Repeated: Foreign Office (German Section).

Reference Foreign Office (German Section) signal A/406 of 6th August 1947 and this Division's signal even reference dated 1st August, 1947.

2. Request soonest your instructions and full information.

Band W.

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Vienna - A/406.

D. 8.00 pm 14th August 1947.

Grand National.

Vienna's telegram PWDP/65/V of 12th August to Berlin.

It would appear that telegram CCG 75281 of 7th August from Lemgo to Vienna concerning the practical proposals for documentation of Austrian contingent has not been received in Vienna.

2. It is suggested that not only should this telegram be now repeated but that in addition copies of

- (a) Technical instruction number 13 plus amendment of 28th June.
- (b) First report on Grand National of 21st April.
- (c) Minutes of conference on same subject held in Lemgo on 28th January (all of reference PWDP/58322/6/SEC) be sent direct to Colonel LOGAN-GRAY for his personal information.

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TO CYPRUS (Lord Winster)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 7th September, 1947. 17.30 hrs.

No. 470 Top Secret.

Addressed to Governor Cyprus.  
Repeated to High Commissioner for Palestine No.2093.

In discussions with French Government on disposal of PRESIDENT WARFIELD Jews, French representative put forward confidentially and informally proposal that monthly quota of 25 immigration certificates at present allowed to French Zone of Germany should be increased and at the same time made available for Jewish would-be immigrants already in France (Paris telegram No.851 to Foreign Office, repeated to Jerusalem refers). A similar proposal has been made that in view of the large number of Jewish refugees in Italy a quota should be allocated to that country in making up future lists for legal immigration into Palestine.

To comply with these suggestions might increase readiness of the French and Italian Governments to co-operate in suppressing illegal immigration traffic especially if a condition were attached that quota was available so long as no illegal immigrants left French or Italian shores. Such quotas could however be provided only by deduction from one of the existing allocations, e.g. by cutting the Cyprus quota to, say, 500, and allotting 125 certificates to France and Italy each. I assume that you would see strong objection to such a reduction but, before proposal is discussed further with Foreign Office, I should be glad to receive any observations you and O.A.G. Palestine may have to offer and your estimate of likely reactions in Cyprus and Palestine.

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Paris.

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5 July.

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Pondlis Family.

Report from letter (E 6158/48/31) of 27 June.  
New search information given by phone, re  
connection with Mr. Comstock, a subject  
of Greek immigration in the context of  
illegal immigrant traffic to Palestine.

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British Embassy, E 29

Paris.

5th July, 1947.

48/80/47.

*My dear Cable*

E 6158

With reference to my letter (48/76/47) of the 27th June about the Pandelis family, and to our telephone conversation of today, I write to place on record the information I gave you to the effect that I yesterday called on Monsieur Cosmetatos, Counsellor at the Greek Embassy here, at his request, to discuss once more the subject of Greek cooperation in the control of the illegal immigration traffic to Palestine.

Monsieur Cosmetatos told me that Pandelis Demetrio Pandelis had approached the Greek Embassy for support in his application for a visa to visit the United Kingdom and had been refused any assistance. He had admitted to Monsieur Cosmetatos that his brother Ioannis Pandelis had two passports because the Greek Consulate in Paris had issued him with a new one without calling in the old one. He made no suggestion to Monsieur Cosmetatos that relations between his brother and himself were strained, and Monsieur Cosmetatos said that in any case he did not believe this. He added that the brothers are partners. He felt, moreover, that Pandelis Demetrio Pandelis was a shady character and asked whether we could give him any information about the present whereabouts of the Agia Anastasia mentioned in Bucharest telegram No. 749 of 17th July 1946 to the Foreign Office, since Demetrio had alleged that this vessel had sunk in the Mediterranean last year. If this statement could be shown to be false he would have useful evidence against Demetrio. I shall therefore be grateful for anything you can tell me about the Agia Anastasia.

Monsieur Cosmetatos went on to say that he had now received authorisation from Athens to instruct all Greek Consulates in France and French North Africa to deny facilities to vessels which we indicate to them as suspect. He said that already as a result of this the Consul at Marseilles had summoned the master of the Archangelos to see him, and had warned him that while there was nothing that could be done against him on grounds of mere suspicion, he would be sentenced to imprisonment if he actually sailed with illegal immigrants and subsequently fell into the hands of the Greek authorities. The master of the Archangelos had appeared quite disturbed by this, and Monsieur Cosmetatos did not think that he would now participate in the traffic.

He added that Greek regulations demand that any vessel sailing under the Greek flag should have an entirely Greek crew. In fact, however, this is rarely possible, and the Consuls close their eyes to the fact that the crews include people of other than Greek nationality. He intends to use a strict enforcement of this regulation as a means of embarrassing the suspect vessels. He asked, therefore, that he should be informed whenever we have reason to suspect a Greek vessel, and you agreed during our telephone conversation that this information, which was moreover, already being provided to the Greek Government, could be passed to him.

/Monsieur....

J.E. Cable, Esq.,  
Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
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Monsieur Cosmetatos suggested that we should ask his Government to send to other posts, and in particular to Rome, instructions similar to those he has received, and suggested that our Embassy in Athens should get in touch with Monsieur Kindynis of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I understand from you, however, that these instructions

have in fact been sent to all Greek consulates wherever situated.

*Yours ever*  
*G.A. Crossley*

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Dear Sir,  
Will you please refer to your letter no. 46/206/47 of the 27th June in which you informed us of the instructions issued by the Greek Govt. to their Consuls & to the subject of Greek ships suspected of complicity in the Greek illegal immigration traffic.

We have now been informed that Greek regulations demand that any vessel sailing under the Greek flag should have an entirely Greek crew. As this is, in practice, rarely possible, Greek Consuls normally close their eyes to the fact that the crew of a Greek ship includes  
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3. We understand that Greek consuls in France are already taking such action, on the initiative of the Greek Embassy in Paris. We should be glad to know whether similar instructions have been sent to Greek consuls elsewhere.

Yours ever

Ernest Bevin

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Dear Chancery,

Will you please refer to your letter No. 46/206/47 of the 22nd June, in which you informed us of the instructions issued by the Greek Government to their Consuls on the subject of Greek ships suspected of complicity in the Jewish illegal immigration traffic.

2. We have now been informed that Greek regulations demand that any vessel sailing under the Greek flag should have an entirely Greek crew. As this is, in practice, rarely possible, Greek Consuls normally close their eyes to the fact that the crew of a Greek ship includes non-Greeks. The strict enforcement of this regulation against suspect ships would appear therefore, to provide a valuable means of detaining them.

3. We understand that Greek Consuls in France are already taking such action, on the initiative of the Greek Embassy in Paris. We should be glad to know whether similar instructions have been sent to Greek Consuls elsewhere.

Yours ever,  
EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

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S. P.  
Mr. Crossley  
A  
Paris Embassy

From  
J.E.  
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Dear Crossley

In your letter no 43 9/47  
of the 5th July, you asked  
~~a~~ for information about the  
life of the "AGIA ANASTASIA".

1. It is quite true that  
this ship sank last year.  
Mrs. Pandelis omitted to mention,  
~~that~~ however, that she was  
carrying illegal immigrants at  
the time.

3. Mr. COSMETATOS' information  
that Greek regulations demand  
that any vessel sailing under  
the Greek flag should have  
an entirely Greek crew  
is new to me. I am asking  
our Embassy at Athens to  
request the <sup>govt.</sup> Greeks to enforce  
this regulation against suspect  
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4. I am replying separately  
to your letter no 48/76/47 of  
the 27<sup>th</sup> June about the  
Pardelis family.

*J. E. Cable*  
12/7

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) J. E. Cable.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

17th July, 1947.

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(E 6158/48/31)

Dear Crossley,

In your letter No. 48/80/47 of the 5th July, you asked for information about the fate of the "Agia Anastasia."

2. It is quite true that this ship sank last year. Mr. Pandelis omitted to mention however, that she was carrying illegal immigrants at the time.

3. Mr. Cosmetatos' information that Greek regulations demand that any vessel sailing under the Greek flag should have an entirely Greek crew is new to me. I am asking our Embassy at Athens to request the Greek Government to enforce this regulation against suspect ships.

4. I am replying separately to your letter No. 48/76/47 of the 27th June about the Pandelis family.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) (J.E. Cable)

G.A. Crossley, Esq.,  
Paris.

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TELEGRAM FROM

No. Sir A. Castle

Dated Rome

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Control of Jewish illegal entry into Italy.  
Refer to tel 1497 (E 6075/48/8)  
Transmit summary of letter from Sir Gen  
aly's Foreign Affairs of July 9. Review list  
of measures to be taken to prevent illegal  
entry into Italy, adopted by competent  
authorities.

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2/7/47 copy (A) to (B) and  
sent by special messenger to Mr. Ruck,  
Home Office. Then re-submit 15/7

I do not like para. 2 (b)  
and I think that we should  
continue to insist on awaiting Mr.  
Ruck's report, before committing ourselves  
on this proposal. I do not think that  
we need add to the reply in our  
telegram no. 1497 (E 6075/48/6).

German (Pol.) Dept. 7 Aug 1947  
Western Dept. (Foreign Section) 17/7

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Charles  
No. 1505.  
July 12th, 1947.

D. 8. 0 p.m. July 12th, 1947.  
R. 12.30 a.m. July 13th, 1947.

Repeated to Vienna  
Paris

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Your telegram No. 1497: Control of Jewish illegal entry into Italy.

Following is summary of letter from Secretary General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs to me dated July 9th.

[Begins]

2. Question has been thoroughly examined by competent Italian authorities who have agreed on adoption without delay of the following measures.

(a) Vigilance by police will be intensified on the whole northern frontier especially Brenner and Resia passes. Mobile road blocks will be organised and a stricter control exercised on road transport in these zones. In particular all vehicles used for transporting illegal immigrants will be sequestered irrespective of any markings they may bear.

(b) Illegal immigrants who succeed in entering Italian territory and who are arrested in Bolzano Province will be turned back over San Candido pass (i.e. into British zone) in view of difficulties which French authorities make over re-admitting them to their zone. The Embassy is requested to inform British authorities in Austria accordingly and to arrange for these people's reception at San Candido pass.

(c) Illegal entrants arrested in other provinces of Italy will be segregated on the island of Ustica.

3. Embassy is requested to arrange with British authorities in Austria for appointment by them of an official to act as liaison officer to the inspector of the frontier zone at Bolzano, Dr. Palumbo Vargas and to assist in co-ordinating control measures on both sides of the frontier.

[Ends]

4. See my immediately following telegram.

Foreign Office please repeat to Vienna and Paris my telegrams Nos. 16 and 149 respectively.

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TELEGRAM FROM

No. Sir A. Charles

Dated Rome

Received in Registry } 1506.

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Control of Jewish Illegal Entry in Potential

Refer Home tel 1505 (E 6194/48/31) which while it is satisfactory that 9th Gen fact has now officially proposed appointment of a Liaison Officer from British Zone Authorities we cannot guarantee that they would be prepared to work this part of their new scheme, unless we are prepared to accept their proposal for disposal of illegal entrants in British Zone.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2

FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Charles D. 8.10 p.m. 12th July, 1947  
No. 1508  
12th July, 1947. R. 11.15 p.m. 12th July, 1947

Repeated to Vienna  
Paris.

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My immediately preceding telegram. E M

Control of Jewish illegal entry into Italy.

2. While it is very satisfactory that Italian Government have now officially proposed appointment of a liaison officer from British Zone of Austria we cannot guarantee, until we have had time for further discussion with Italian authorities, that they would be prepared to work this part of their new scheme unless we are prepared to accept their proposal for disposal of illegal entrants into British Zone. However as time presses on I think it would be a good idea for Ruck to come out to Rome as soon as possible for discussion. It would be risky for him to begin his work on Austrian frontier before briefing by this Embassy and before we have Italian agreement to suspend judgment on their proposal in 2(b) of my immediately preceding telegram.

Foreign Office pass to Vienna and Paris as my telegrams Nos. 17 and 150 respectively.

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Sir P. Nicholls,  
Prague.  
YH4  
July 9th.

Illegal Immigration: Baltzan. 41  
Hajim Harry Baltzan, suspected  
of being actively connected with  
illegal immigration, has applied  
for renewal of his Palestinian Passport.

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(Minutes.)

copy: c.o. (Mr. Fitzgerald)  
M.I.5 (Mr. Schen)

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He has been under a  
cloud see VR. 85843  
attached.

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8) I.L.P. 16 July  
8) Mr. Fitzgerald, Co.  
Mr. Schen, H/O  
July 15.

I presume that any necessary action  
will be taken by Jerusalem.  
We might, however, inform Prague of  
what little we know, if this has  
not already been done. I have spoken  
to M.I.5, who have nothing to  
add.

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Prague will already be  
in possession of the letter

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FROM PRAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir P. Nichols  
No.744

D.2.10 p.m 9th July, 1947.

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9th July, 1947.

R,7.25 p.m 9th July, 1947.

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Following for Immigration Control Section Jerusalem  
from Consul

[Begins]

I have received application from Hayim Harry Baltan  
formerly Haim Baltan for renewal of his Palestinian  
passport No.15 issued at Prague May 1st 1940 [grp undec].

2. He states that he is director of Hias, Hebrew  
Immigration Aid Society for Czechoslovakia and also [grp undec] for  
Haaretz.

3. He is suspected by Visa Section of being actively  
connected with illegal immigration.

4. May I have your instructions please.

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(Minutes.)

References.

1) Brussels 246

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FROM BRUSSELS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H Knatchbell Hugessen.

No. 276

D. 5. 01 p.m. 11th July, 1947.

11th July, 1947.

R. 9. 10 p.m. 11th July, 1947.

Repeated to Jerusalem.

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SECRET

My telegram No. 269.

Weekly report.

S.S. Ilissos left Ghent on June 25th for Casablanca in ballast.

Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 10.

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Mr. Duff Cooper,  
Paris.  
Tel. no. 675  
July 11th.

S.S. Resident Warfield. 46  
Message for Admiralty stating  
that Resident Warfield contravened  
French law in sailing without  
proper clearance.

Last Paper.  
(E6216)

(Minutes.)  
This see E 6218

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr Duff Cooper  
No. 675

D. 5. 20 p.m. 11th July, 1947.

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Please pass following to Admiralty.

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To Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, info. Admiralty  
from Naval Attaché 111459.

Ambassador is representing to French Government  
that President Warfield contravened French Law in sail-  
ing without proper clearance. He is urging that French  
ship force her return to French port or alternatively that  
French Government request that a British ship should do  
so.

Admiralty please pass immediate to Commander -in-  
Chief Mediterranean.

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S.S. Resident Warfield. 48

Paris.

682  
July 12th.

Message from S of S. stating that he has protested strongly to H. Bidault. He agreed that the ship should be made to return.

Last Paper.

(E 6217)

(Minutes.)

Also within

References.

E 6133/48/C

1) Paris tel 165(S) of July 10th.  
[to Marseilles - no 61]

(Print.)

This telegram has been discussed with the competent Departments, who have agreed on a telegram to be sent by the C.O. to Palestine and repeated to all concerned, of which I attach an advance copy. I now submit draft telegram to Paris, reporting the action taken and asking for their comments.

~~Amended list~~

1) Both [unclear]

11P. 16 July

2) Paris 1484

11 July

Paris Marseilles 85

3) 11P. 16 July

4) Paris 1572

15 July

5) 11P. 16 July.

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See within:  
1) Tel. from Co. to Palestine

Now see E 6311 and minutes thereon

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM PARIS TO MARSEILLES

Mr. Duff Cooper  
No. 67

July 10th, 1947.

R. 10.05 a.m. July 12th, 1947.

Repeated to FOREIGN OFFICE No. 165 Saving

SSSSS

MOST IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No. 72.- E6133/28/9

President Warfield.

We immediately protested most strongly to Ministry of Foreign Affairs who now inform us that as a result of instructions to local authorities vessel is held and passengers are being forced to disembark. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport have in mind that since vessels clearance certificate is limited to fine weather with no passengers she cannot legally embark passengers.

2. Should there be any further scare you should again insist on local authorities preventing vessel from leaving with passengers, assuring them that Ministry of Foreign Affairs have given us firm undertaking that this would be ensured. You should also urge the port authorities to prevent her from leaving even in ballast, alleging bad weather.

3. Is it true that Bruna has left? If so under what circumstances and did she take passengers?

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr Duff Cooper  
No: 682

D.8.14 p.m. 12th July 1947

12th July 1947

R.9.35 p.m. 12th July 1947

Repeated to Jerusalem

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IMMEDIATE

Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem as my telegram telegram No:9.

SECRET

Following from Secretary of State.

Jewish Illegal Immigration.

I protested strongly to M. Bidault this morning against the failure of the French authorities to prevent the "President Warfield" from sailing from Sete with (according to latest reports) 4,000 passengers. I stated that we intended to make an example of this ship by obliging her to return to a French port with all her passengers and I counted on the French to co-operate by receiving her back and disembarking the passengers.

2. M. Bidault agreed to this.

3. Please arrange accordingly with the Admiralty. If, as I presume, action cannot be taken until ship reaches Palestine territorial waters, I trust that there will be a sufficiently impressive show of naval strength as the "President Warfield" is a comparatively large vessel and there are a large number of persons on board. If there is any difficulty about accommodating escort and controlling passengers on return journey I suggest that other ships should be called upon to assist but that before re-entering French waters all passengers should be re-embarked in "President Warfield".

4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been warned that ship may herself seek to enter French North African waters about 2200 hours this evening 12th July.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Mr. Duff Cooper D. 8. 14 p.m. 12th July, 1947.  
No: 682 R. 9. 35 p.m. 12th July, 1947.  
12th July, 1947.

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Telegram.

IMMEDIATE  
SECRET

NO 1484

Date July 11<sup>th</sup>

Jewish illegal immigration.

CYPHER

"BRUNA" and "LUCIANO" are reported ready to sail. You should warn French authorities and urge them to take precautions against a repetition of the "PRESIDENT WARFIELD" fiasco.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS.

No. 1484.

D. 9.15 p.m. 11th July, 1947.

11th July, 1947.

Repeated to Marseilles No. 85 Immediate.

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SECRET.

Jewish illegal immigration.

"Bruna" and "Luciano" are reported ready to sail. You should warn French authorities and urge them to take precautions against a repetition of the "President Warfield" fiasco.

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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S OF S COLONIES.

Sent 14th July, 1947.

22.15hrs.

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MOST IMMEDIATE.  
No. 1539.

Addressed to High Commissioner, Palestine.  
Repeated most immediate to Governor, Cyprus No. 345.  
" " H.M. Embassy, Paris  
" " C.-in-C., Mediterranean.  
" " F.S.T.O. Mediterranean.  
" " C.-in-C. M.E.L.F.

My telegram No. 1527 (No. 358 to Cyprus).

1. I consider the successful return of PRESIDENT WARFIELD's immigrants to France is likely to have a most important effect on whole future of illegal immigration. Not only should it clearly establish the principle of refoulement as applied to a complete shipload of immigrants, but it will be most discouraging to the organisers of this traffic if the immigrants in the first ship for some weeks to evade the British "blockade" and up by returning whence they came. Decision as to how it is to be effected must rest entirely with you, but in making your plans I hope you will take account of following considerations.

2. You will observe from paragraph 3 of Paris telegram No. 9 to Jerusalem that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs attaches much importance to the return of the PRESIDENT WARFIELD herself. This must of course depend on whether or not she remains seaworthy after arrest and whether she can be sailed back either by her present crew or another crew provided by you; but in any case I have no doubt you will decide that the bulk of her passengers must be transferred to your three fitted cargo ships, and I appreciate that decision on the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs' suggestion that the passengers should be retransferred to the PRESIDENT WARFIELD off southern France must be taken in the light of the opinion of your naval and military advisers. Nevertheless, I hope every effort will be made to send or even tow the PRESIDENT WARFIELD back with some of her immigrants on board, even if lack of anti-sabotage precautions reduces the number that can safely be carried in her to a small one.

3. The estimate of 4,000 passengers in paragraph 4 of Paris telegram No. 9 may be considerably in error and there is no reason of getting a better estimate. You will no doubt consider what should be done if it proves impossible to return all the immigrants in one voyage of the cargo ships (plus a number in PRESIDENT WARFIELD as suggested above).

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H.M. AMBASSADOR  
PARIS.

Telegram.

No. 1542

(Date) July 15

Repeat to:—

High Commissioner,  
Palestine.

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M.

Your telegram no. 682 [President Warfield]  
S/O "PRESIDENT WARFIELD".

You will be aware, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies' telegram No. 1539 to the High Commissioner Palestine, of the steps taken here to implement the Secretary of State's proposals contained in your telegram No. 682 under reference. The technical and military problems of returning this ship's passengers to France are so complex and some of the factors involved so uncertain that it was felt essential to leave the High Commissioner Palestine free to decide for himself the best method.

2. We feel very strongly that the value of this operation as a deterrent to the organisers of the illegal immigration traffic depends upon its smooth and successful execution. We are, however, somewhat apprehensive about the possibility, envisaged in paragraph 3 of Colonial Office telegram No. 1539, that it may not be possible to return all the passengers in one voyage. We ~~feel~~ <sup>assume</sup> that, once the news that the French Government have agreed to the refoulement of this ship load becomes known, it will produce intense indignation in French Zionist circles. While this indignation would probably subside harmlessly, if slowly, in the face of a fait accompli, we feel that the imminence of a second voyage to return the balance of the passengers would produce intense Zionist pressure on the French Government and that the idea of returning these passengers in two "lifts" is, therefore, politically

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unacceptable. We should be grateful for an immediate expression of your views on this point.

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Mr. Balfour  
Washington.  
3p2  
July 12th

Oil hunters for illegal immigrant ships  
Rep. to his tel 3693 (E5673/48/G)  
U.S. companies are prepared to  
cooperate.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

I am rather doubtful about the value of  
this. Many firms engaged in the traffic  
do have such contracts. This case, however,  
be discussed with Mr. Mitchell of the  
Ministry of Fuel and Power at the next  
meeting of the Working Party on Illegal Immigration.

N.A. Dept. *[Signature]* 14/7

*[Signature]*  
(J.E. CABLE)  
14/7

This has crossed our tel. conveying  
the suggestion made by Mr. Randall  
on E5673

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B.U. 26<sup>th</sup> July

*[Signature]* 17/7

The official committee on  
Illegal Immigration are discussing  
the question of denying fuel to  
suspect ships on 24th July. This could  
be discussed at the same time.

Mr. Beatty on return  
30471 F.O.P. July 31

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Mr. Balfour  
No. 3902

D. 8.15 p.m. 12th July, 1947

R. 2.25 a.m. 13th July, 1947

12th July, 1947

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E6073/40/S<sup>E/A</sup>

My telegram No. 3693: denial of oil bunkers for Jewish illegal immigrant ships.

Petroleum Attaché has approached the oil companies regarding this question. He reports that American companies interested in bunker business in the Mediterranean area are prepared to co-operate with us and are in fact already doing so, owing to limitation of supplies. In this connexion, bunkering points have already been advised that spot business must not be accepted and that supplies may only be sold to vessels belonging to shipping companies with whom they have standing contracts and who, in the main, would be reputable concerns not likely to be engaged in this business.

2. Please pass to Ministry of Fuel and Power.

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<p>E 6222/48/G Consul General, Marseille July 9th.</p>	<p>Suspect Shipping Transmits copy of report dated July 9th. to Paris.</p>	
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British Consulate General,  
Marseilles.

9th July, 1947.

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With the compliments  
of  
H.M. Consul-General.

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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British Consulate-General,  
Marseilles.

9th July, 1947.

FGKG/gw  
Secret S1.

Dear Chancery,

Jewish illegal immigration. The following is a report of the position at Marseilles as at 9th July, 1947:-

- "ARKANGELOS" - No change.
- "BRUNA" }  
"LUCIANO" } - These two ships have moved to Poste 6 from which access to the sea will be easy. Both are ready to sail and the crew appear to be aboard.
- "PRESIDENT WARFIELD" - This ship has been the subject of separate reports.
- "ATTIKI" - Arrived from Levant during the afternoon of the 7th July with a few passengers. Was due to leave for Piraeus, Alexandria, Limassol and Beyrouth on the following day but was unable to obtain oil fuel and was still in port on the afternoon of the 8th July. She had gone, however, at 12 p.m. on the 9th. A member of the staff attended a reception on board and made a perfunctory visit of the ship which has first and second dormitory accommodation. She appeared to be engaged in legitimate traffic. She is scheduled to leave for same destinations on 29th July and thereafter about every 20 days. The agents are Estrine.
- "AEGEAN STAR" - Arrived from Alexandria on 8th July with 49 passengers and is scheduled to leave on the 9th and 23rd July and the 4th August.
- "KEDMAH" - Scheduled to leave for Haifa and Beyrouth on 27th July.
- "CADIO" - Left for Haifa, Alexandria, Beyrouth and Piraeus on 2nd July with freight and passengers. Future sailings are scheduled for 23rd July, 13th August and 3rd September.
- "MARATHON" - Arrived on 3rd July from Alexandria, Haifa, Piraeus and Beyrouth with freight and passengers. Sailed for same destination on 5th July with freight and 132 passengers. Future sailing is scheduled for 26th July.
- "ANDRIA" - Arrived from Alexandria, Haifa, Beyrouth and Piraeus on 7th July with freight and 23 passengers. Future sailings 8th and 23rd July.
- "PAN YORK" - (Panamanian flag). Consigned to Ginesta. Weight 4570 tons gross, 2754 tons net. Left New York on 22nd May for Istanbul and arrived in Genoa on 17th June. Had steering gear trouble 4th and 5th June. Arrived in Marseilles on 4th July (sans déclaration). No details of any manifests have appeared in the shipping

The Chancery,  
British Embassy,  
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papers and she appears to be empty. No ownership stated. No sailing date or destination announced. In spite of her size, her uncertain movements and the fact that she arrived apparently in ballast coupled with the agents to whom she is consigned, who have seemingly a monopoly of suspect ships, render her worthy of suspicion.

- "VALENA" - On Casablanca service. Left Marseilles on 27th June with 89 passengers; arrived on 5th July with 127 passengers and left on the following day in ballast. Future sailings scheduled for 17th and 28th July.
- "COMANDO" - Undergoing repairs in Marseilles. Believed to be carrying British immigrants to South Africa.
- "ANNA MARIA" - Due to leave for Lisbon, Oporto and Leixoes on 22nd July.

We are copying this letter to Eastern Department, Foreign Office,

Yours ever,

Marseilles.

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Mr. Crowley, Paris, refing. to  
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weekly list will be in future  
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Dear Crossley,

Your letter (72/353/47) of 25th June to Beith about our weekly lists of suspect ships.

In accordance with Chancery letter (72/240/47) of 20th May, we are sending you a weekly report of the position at the port of Marseilles but, in the absence of specific instructions, have not so far been copying these reports to the Foreign Office. This probably accounts for any discrepancy between the weekly lists emanating from London and our own reports. To obviate this, we propose as from this week to send Eastern Department a copy of our weekly report so that any new information can be incorporated immediately into the London list.

Please accept my apologies for the omission of the "ARKANGELOS" from some of our reports. This ship, as you probably know, has been in Marseilles since November last. It was the subject of protracted litigation and we recently learnt that she was now up for sale. Her constant presence here and the fact that her deteriorating condition made it unlikely that she would be able to sail without a complete overhaul, caused us to overlook her in compiling the lists. She is, of course, kept under frequent observation in common with the other suspect ships here.

I am copying this letter to Beith.

Yours ever,

(F.G.K. GALLAGHER)

G.A. Crossley Esq.,  
British Embassy,  
Paris.

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Message for I.N.I. concerning  
the San Spyridon, San Basilio  
& Nik. cargo steamer.

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HIS Majesty's *Representative* at *Paris*  
presents his compliments to  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned  
documents.  
British..... *Embassy Paris* **G**

*13<sup>th</sup> July* 1947

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to consider what would be the feelings of the French Government if His Majesty's Government were to facilitate the arrival in some territory for which the French Government were responsible of a large number of elements calculated to disturb the peace there. In the circumstances I must protest most strongly against the facilities which have been accorded to the "President Farfield" and I request that the French Government should re-admit her to France with all the passengers on board as soon as arrangements can be made to cause the "President Farfield" to return.

I should be happy to receive any explanations that can be offered as to how this all came about. It is in particular not clear why the ship could not be denied the very large quantity of 315 tons of bunkers which she received, why passengers were allowed to go on board in spite of the nature of her clearance certificate, and to what extent the validity of the visas held by the passengers may have been checked. I should also be grateful to learn that the necessary disciplinary measures have been taken as regards those who permitted the departure of the "President Farfield" in contradiction with the assurances of the French Government.

I take this opportunity to remind you that among the suspect vessels in French ports, concerning which full information is regularly communicated by His Majesty's Embassy to your Ministry, the "Paducah" and the "Northlands", which are at Bayonne, and the "Bruna", the "Luciano" and the "Archangelos" which are at Marseilles, are particularly suspect. We have, moreover, information to the effect that the "Bruna" and the "Luciana" are intending to sail from Marseilles today. I most earnestly hope that you will take all necessary steps to prevent these vessels from sailing. His Majesty's Embassy have indicated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs many ways in which this can be achieved, but I might stress the importance of their being denied bunkers, harbour facilities, materials required for repairs, provisions surplus to the requirements of the crew and of course, clearance for other ports.

I shall be glad if, in view of the departure of the "President Farfield", you will agree to maintain a warship in the vicinity of Marseilles with standing orders to stop, while they are still in French territorial waters, any of these vessels  
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